

**CLAIMS**

We claim:

- 1           1. A computerized method for estimating coverage of search engines,  
2   each search engine maintaining an index of words of pages located at specific  
3   address in a network, comprising the steps of:  
4           generating a random query, the random query being a logical  
5   combination of words found in a training set of the pages;  
6           submitting the random query to a first search engine;  
7           receiving a set of URLs in response to the random query;  
8           randomly selecting a particular URL identifying a sample page;  
9           generating a strong query for the sample page;  
10          submitting the strong query to a second search engine; and  
11          comparing result information received in response to the strong query  
12   to determine if the second search engine has indexed the sample page.